Fortnightly ▸ No 144 ▸ 2 to 15 December 1998 ▸ £1.25

UK's OFFICIAL SEGA COMIC

STARRING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

SONIC THE COMIC

FIGHT TO THE FINISH ON PLANET ROMANUS!

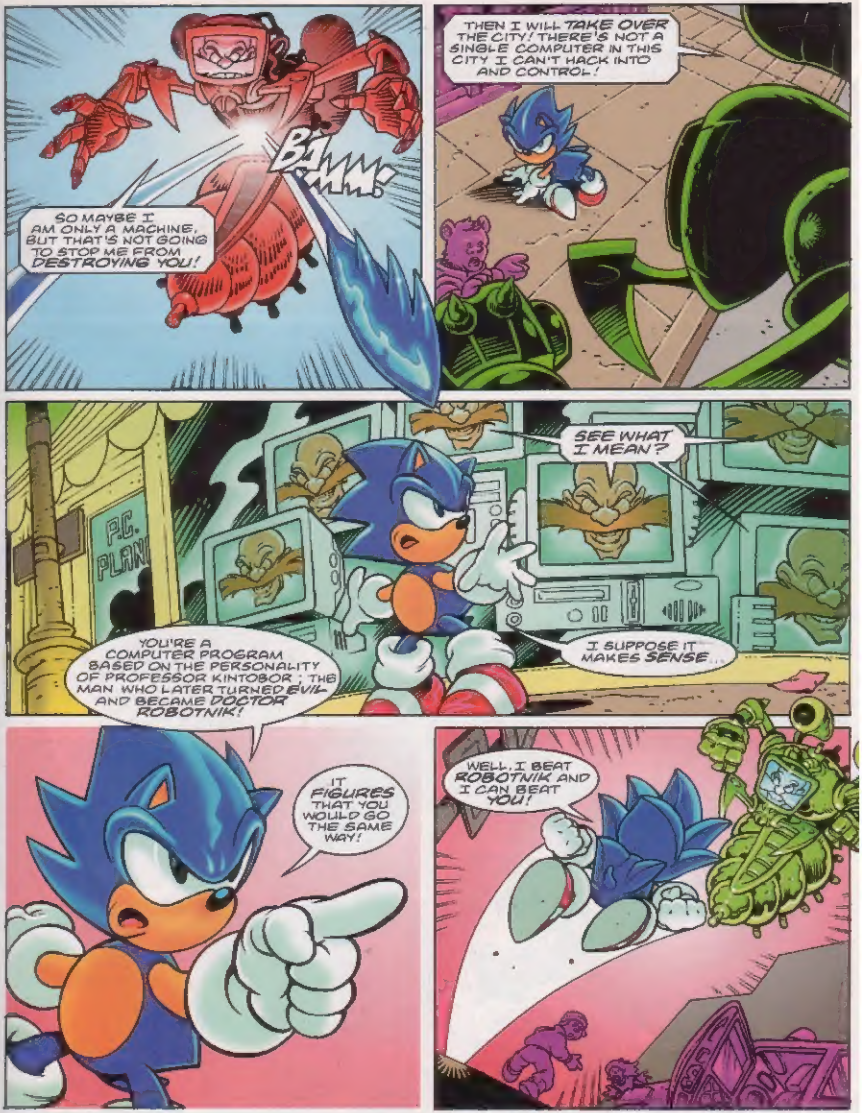
POWER STRUGGLE!

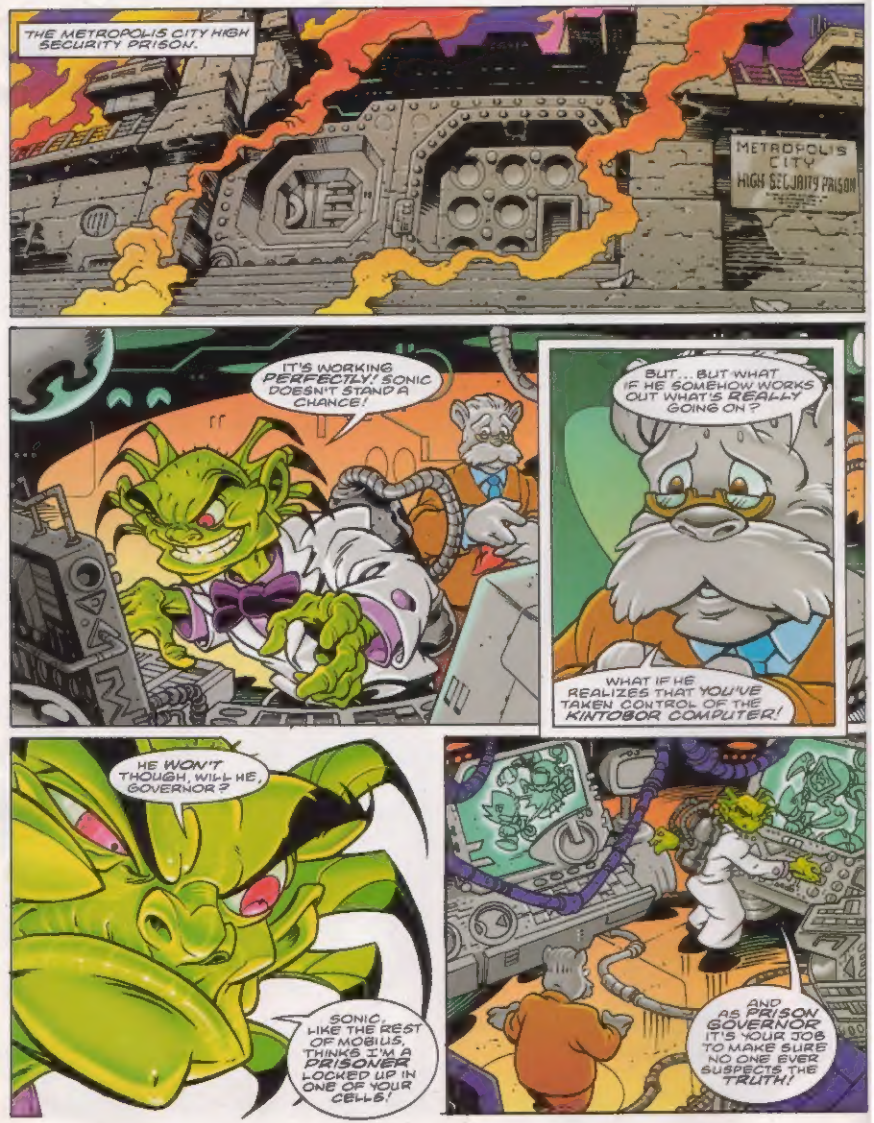
CRAZED COMPUTER TRIES TO PULL THE PLUG ON SONIC!

PLANET SONIC

CAN TAILS MAKES A TURKEY OF THE GOBLIN KINGS?

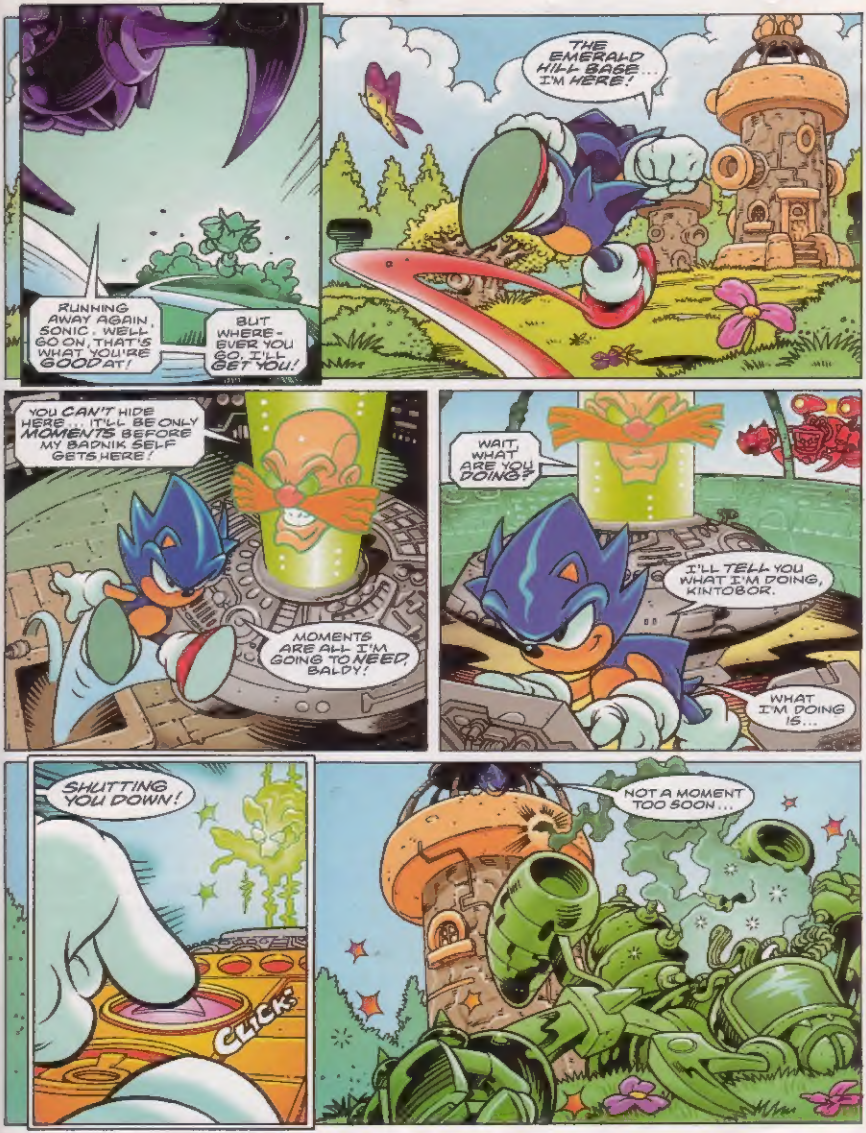
SECRET ENEMY
Script: Nigel Kitching • Art: Richard Elson • Lettering: Ellie de'Ville
DOWNTOWN METROPOLIS CITY WHERE SONIC IS BEING ATTACKED BY A BADNIK!
HOWEVER, THIS IS NO ORDINARY BADNIK!
KINTOBOR! BUT HOW?
I'M SICK OF EXISTING JUST FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, SONIC!
SICK OF BEING A COMPUTER THAT'S TREATED LIKE SOME MINDLESS MACHINE!
FOR PETE'S SAKE, KINTOBOR, YOU ARE JUST A MACHINE!


BAMM!
SO MAYBE I AM ONLY A MACHINE, BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO STOP ME FROM DESTROYING YOU!
THEN I WILL TAKE OVER THE CITY! THERE'S NOT A SINGLE COMPUTER IN THIS CITY I CAN'T HACK INTO AND CONTROL!
P.C. PLAN
SEE WHAT I MEAN?
YOU'RE A COMPUTER PROGRAM BASED ON THE PERSONALITY OF PROFESSOR KINTOBOR - THE MAN WHO LATER TURNED EVIL AND BECAME DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
I SUPPOSE IT MAKES SENSE...
IT FIGURES THAT YOU WOULD GO THE SAME WAY!
WELL, I BEAT ROBOTNIK AND I CAN BEAT YOU!


THE METROPOLIS CITY HIGH SECURITY PRISON.
METROPOLIS CITY HIGH SECURITY PRISON
IT'S WORKING PERFECTLY! SONIC DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!
BUT... BUT WHAT IF HE SOMEHOW WORKS OUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?
WHAT IF HE REALIZES THAT YOU'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF THE KINTOBOR COMPUTER!
HE WON'T THOUGH, WILL HE, GOVERNOR?
SONIC, LIKE THE REST OF MOBIUS, THINKS I'M A PRISONER LOCKED UP IN ONE OF YOUR CELLS!
AND AS PRISON GOVERNOR IT'S YOUR JOB TO MAKE SURE NO ONE EVER SUSPECTS THE TRUTH!

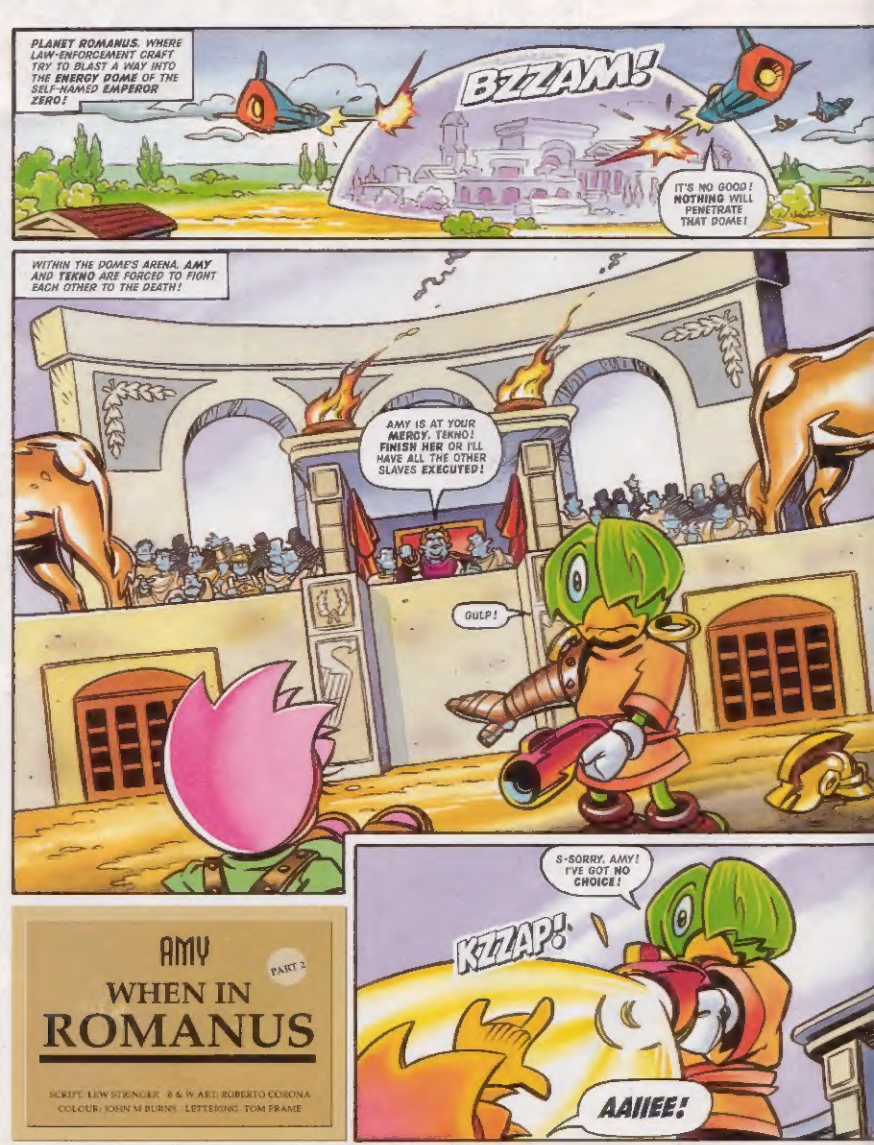
SWAK!
AGGGH!
YOU'RE THROUGH, SONIC. CLOSE YOUR EYES, IT'LL ALL BE OVER IN A SECOND!
HMMM! THAT SIGN GIVES ME AN IDEA...
DANGER
DUE FOR DEMOLITION
COME ON, KINTOBOR! LET'S MAKE THIS INTERESTING!
YOU CAN'T RUN FOREVER, SONIC. SOONER OR LATER I'M BOUND TO CATCH UP WITH YOU!
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HIDE IN HERE, IS THAT IT?
NOT EXACTLY!
WATCH CLOSELY, BUDDY, AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT A LITTLE SONIC SPEED CAN DO!

YOU STILL IN THERE, KINTOBOR?
GOOD!
NOW, IF HAVING A WHOLE BUILDING FALL ON HIM DOESN'T FINISH KINTOBOR...
NOTHING WILL!
RATS!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH, HEDGEHOG!
NOW I'M GOING TO FINISH YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!
SHRAKk!
Y'KNOW, KINTOBOR, I LIKED YOU A WHOLE LOT BETTER WHEN YOU WERE JUST A COMPUTER BACK AT THE EMERALD HILL BASE!
WAIT A MINUTE...


RUNNING AWAY AGAIN, SONIC. WELL GO ON, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOOD AT!
BUT WHERE-EVER YOU GO, I'LL GET YOU!
THE EMERALD HILL BASE... I'M HERE!
YOU CAN'T HIDE HERE... IT'LL BE ONLY MOMENTS BEFORE MY BADNIK SELF GETS HERE!
MOMENTS ARE ALL I'M GOING TO NEED, BALDY!
WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M DOING, KINTOBOR.
WHAT I'M DOING IS...
SHUTTING YOU DOWN!
CLICK
NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON...

THE NEXT DAY, SONIC CALLS IN PORKER LEWIS.
I'VE REINSTALLED THE KINTOBOR SOFTWARE AND BUILT IN A PROTECTIVE SUB ROUTINE THAT...
SPARE ME THE TECHNO-BABBLE, LEWIS!
WHAT IT BOILS DOWN TO IS KINTOBOR IS FIXED SO IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN! GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, BUDDY!
THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR ME!
IT WORKED... IT WORKED PERFECTLY!
BUT... BUT SONIC WON, DIDN'T HE?
OF COURSE HE DIDN'T WIN, YOU SIMPLETON!
THE KINTOBOR BADNIK WAS A COVER TO GIVE ME TIME TO SECRETLY PATCH MY SURVEILLANCE SOFTWARE INTO THE KINTOBOR MAIN SYSTEM!
I HAD TO TRICK SONIC INTO SHUTTING DOWN KINTOBOR, SO I COULD CARRY OUT MY PLAN WITHOUT BEING DETECTED!
AND NOW IT'S DONE, SONIC WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A MOVE WITHOUT ME KNOWING ABOUT IT!

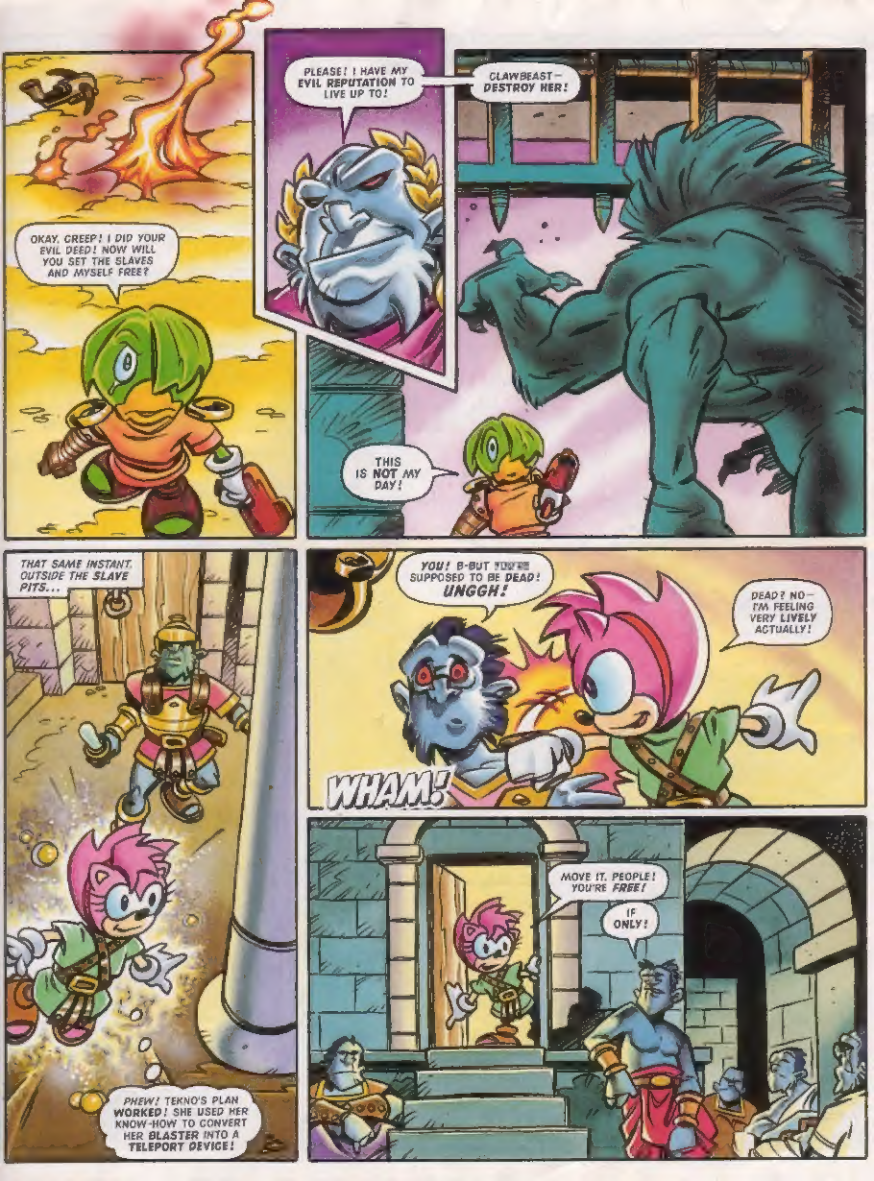
NEXT ISSUE: SONIC'S CHRISTMAS STORY!


PLANET ROMANUS, WHERE LAW-ENFORCEMENT CRAFT TRY TO BLAST A WAY INTO THE ENERGY DOME OF THE SELF-NAMED EMPEROR ZERO!
BZZZAM!
IT'S NO GOOD! NOTHING WILL PENETRATE THAT DOME!
WITHIN THE DOME'S ARENA, AMY AND TEKNO ARE FORCED TO FIGHT EACH OTHER TO THE DEATH!
AMY IS AT YOUR MERCY, TEKNO! FINISH HER OR I'LL HAVE ALL THE OTHER SLAVES EXECUTED!
GULP!
S-SORRY, AMY! I'VE GOT NO CHOICE!
KZZZAP!
AAIIEE!

AMY WHEN IN ROMANUS

PART 2

SCRIPT: LEW STRINGER B & W ART: ROBERTO CORONA
COLOUR: JOHN M BURNS LETTERING: TOM FRAME


OKAY, CREEP! I DID YOUR EVIL DEED! NOW WILL YOU SET THE SLAVES AND MYSELF FREE?
PLEASE! I HAVE MY EVIL REPUTATION TO LIVE UP TO!
CLAWBEAST— DESTROY HER!
THIS IS NOT MY DAY!
THAT SAME INSTANT, OUTSIDE THE SLAVE PITS...
PHEW! TEKNO'S PLAN WORKED! SHE USED HER KNOW-HOW TO CONVERT HER BLASTER INTO A TELEPORT DEVICE!
YOU! B-BUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD! UNGGH!
DEAD? NO— I'M FEELING VERY LIVELY ACTUALLY!
WHAM!
MOVE IT, PEOPLE! YOU'RE FREE!
IF ONLY!

WHERE CAN WE RUN TO? THIS WHOLE AREA IS STILL ENGAGED WITHIN THE ENERGY DOME!
TCH! THERE'S ALWAYS A CATCH!
THERE MUST BE A CONTROL CENTRE FOR THE DOME! WHERE'S THE OFF SWITCH?
FORGET IT! THE CONTROL ROOM IS GUARDED BY A KILLER ROBOT!
LET ME ASSURE YOU I'VE FINISHED OFF MORE ROBOTS THAN YOU'VE HAD HOT DINNERS!
NOT VERY REASSURING AMY! US SLAVES HAVEN'T HAD A HOT DINNER IN YEARS!
HEY, UGLY! OVER HERE.

MEANWHILE, TEKNO IS HAVING PROBLEMS OF HER OWN
I STILL HAVE A CHANCE WHILE I'M HOLDING THIS WEAPON -
SWIPE!
OH OKAY LET'S SWITCH TO PLAN 'B'!
GRAAAGH!
NOW, IF ONLY I HAD A PLAN 'B'!
SOMETHING'S WRONG! THE ENERGY DOME'S DISSOLVING!
THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CRAFT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION
DON'T KNOW HOW BUT THE DOME'S BREAK'NG UP! LET'S MOVE IN!
JUST THE DISTRACTION I NEEDED!
KZZAP!

TEKNO'S TELEPORT BEAM TRANSPORTS THE MONSTER TO A NEW LOCATION
AAGHH!
AMY! I GUESS YOU MANAGED TO GET PAST THE ROBOT TO SHUT DOWN THE DOME THEN?
PIECE OF CAKE!
THAT'S HIM SORTED! THEY'LL HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR THE TROUBLE HE'S CAUSED!
HEY TEKNO! WE'RE DOING OUR VANISHING ACT AGAIN!
THEIR WORK DONE THE INFLUENCE OF THE RING OF ETERNITY PULLS AMY AND TEKNO BACK TO LIMBO
WE CAUSED THE DOWNFALL OF A POWER-CRAZED MADDO; BEAT A KILLER ROBOT AND HELPED TO FREE SLAVES
NOW WHAT DO WE DO AFTER LUNCH?
NEXT ISSUE
FESTIVE FRIGHTS IN
DREAM ON!

graphic ZONE

Send your artwork to Graphic Zone, Sonic The Comic, PO Box 2638, London, W1A 5WW.

KEEP ON THE WATCH FOR THAT ALL IMPORTANT POST DELIVERY, AS EACH ARTIST-HUME WHO GETS THEIR WORK PRINTED IN SONIC THE COMIC (*STC*) WILL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL SONIC THE HEDGEHOG DIGITAL WATCH

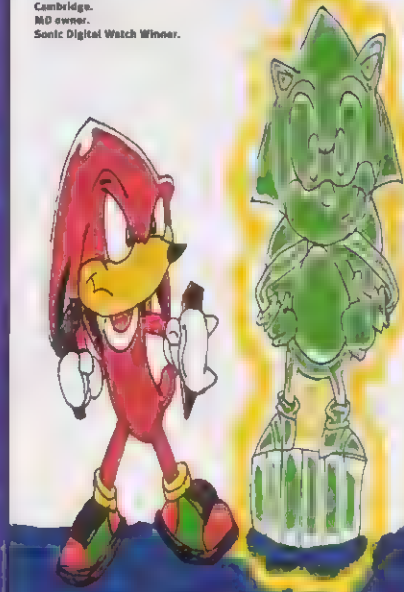
NO PLACE LIKE ROME!

Ancient Art

Mary Brester, Saxilby, Lincoln. Sonic Digital Watch Winner

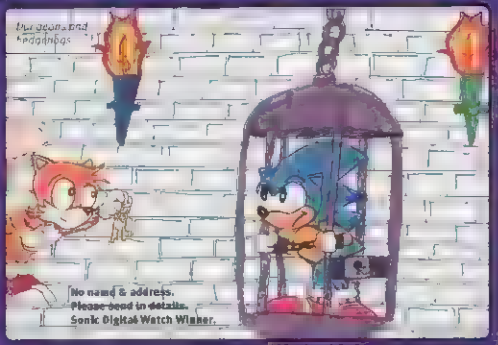
If Michaelangelo could do it

Luke Barrs, Cambridge. MD owner. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.



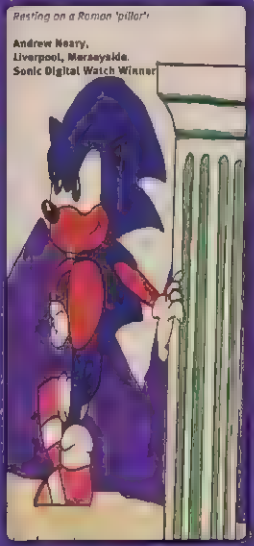
Knuckles the Roman soldier

No name & address Please send in details Sonic Digital Watch Winner



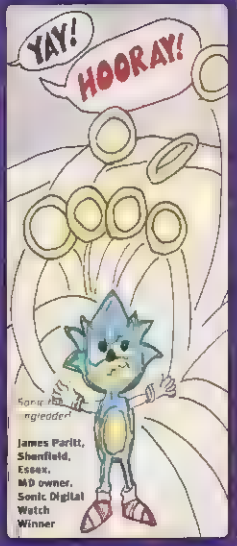
Tails and Knuckles

No name & address. Please send in details. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.



Resting on a Roman 'pillar'

Andrew Neary, Liverpool, Merseyside. Sonic Digital Watch Winner



Sonic [illegible] ingleader

James Parfitt, Shenfield, Essex. MD owner. Sonic Digital Watch Winner

Sonic joins the Ninja Turtles

Ellie Harrower, Bonnyhank, Fife, Scotland. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

Sonic Quartz Analogue
SONIC THE COMIC WATCH OFFER... INTERCITY
WATCH COMPANY LTD. CARVEL BUILDING
JOHN KEMPE WAY
BIRMINGHAM. B32 0HU.
Telephone no: 0121 753 0880.

TAILS AND MORAIN HAVE BROKEN INTO THE GOBLIN CASTLE TO RESCUE THE ENCHANTER KINGS
THE ENCHANTER KINGS! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PRISONERS, YET THIS IS MORE LIKE A PALACE THAN A CELL!
tails
The Goblin Overlords
I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE ROUBAL, THE SLIME BALL WHO'S BECOME THE LATEST GOBLIN KING!
I REPRESENT THE NEW GOBLIN KINGDOM I SEE MYSELF AS A MODERNISER!
MORAIN, MY DEAR GIRL, PLEASE CALM YOURSELF AND WE'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, GENTLEMEN?
ER, WELL, I
EVERYBODY ELSE SEES HIM AS A TOTAL CREEP!

WHAT'S GOING ON? THE GOBLINS HAVE BUILT THIS CASTLE IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR [redacted]DOM
AND NOW WE FIND YOU HERE, BEING TREATED LIKE HONOURED GUESTS!
THE GOBLIN KING HAS MADE US A VERY REASONABLE OFFER REALLY
GENEROUS EVEN!
WE GOBLINS HAVE PROMISED NEVER TO ATTACK YOUR ZONE AGAIN. IT WILL BE A TIME OF PEACE!
ALL WE ASK IS [redacted] THING
WHICH IS?
ONCE A YEAR THERE WILL BE A CEREMONY WHERE THE ENCHANTER KINGS PROMISE TO OBEY THE GOBLIN EMPIRE!
WHAT IF THE ENCHANTER KINGS DON'T AGREE TO YOUR TERMS?
THEN THERE WILL BE A LONG AND BLOODY WAR WHICH, AFTER MUCH SUFFERING, WE GOBLINS WILL EVENTUALLY WIN!
IN RETURN FOR THIS, WE WILL ALLOW THE ENCHANTER KINGS TO RULE PRETTY MUCH AS BEFORE!
AND WE GOBLINS WILL HARDLY INTERFERE IN THE RUNNING OF YOUR ZONE AT ALL!

YOU AGREED TO THIS?
N... NOBODY WANTS A WAR BUT THE GOBLINS HAVE GROWN STRONG AND
AND YOU DECIDED TO GIVE UP IN ORDER TO AVOID A FIGHT!
MORAIN IT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE ANYTHING IF YOU ATTACK THE ENCHANTER KINGS!
I SUGGEST THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON GETTING OUT OF HERE ALIVE!
HMMMM. I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, TAILS
I'VE BEEN IN A FEW SCRAPES IN THE PAST MYSELF!
WELL THERE'S NOTHING I LIKE BETTER THAN A GOOD HONEST BATTLE

OH DEAR ME, WE'D HOPED TO AVOID ANY UNPLEASANTNESS!!
SOMETIMES, I'M AFRAID, IT IS THE ONLY WAY.
YOU KNOW, TAILS, I THINK YOU'VE BECOME BRAVER SINCE THE LAST TIME YOU WERE IN THIS ZONE! STILL NOT AS USEFUL AS ME THOUGH!
WELL, THANKS A LOT!
MORAIN!
WHAKK!
YOU'VE BEEN A LOT OF TROUBLE, MORAIN, BUT NOW IT'S ALL OVER!
KER-AAAK!
I WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT, GOBLIN!

HELLO, SIS! IT LOOKS LIKE I ESCAPED FROM MY CELL JUST IN TIME!
ERROL, I KNEW YOU'D NEVER GO ALONG WITH THIS CRAZY DEAL!
WE ENCHANITER KINGS WILL ONLY CONTINUE WITH THIS DISCUSSION IF MORAIN, HER BROTHER AND TAILS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE IN SAFETY!
OUR DEAL WAS MEANT TO AVOID BLOODSHED!
ALL RIGHT THEN, THEY MAY GO.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I THINK!
I THINK IF WE DON'T ACCEPT THEIR OFFER WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE!
TAILS HAS GOT A POINT!
YES, BUT I DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT!
I'D PREFER TO STAY AND HELP...
NO TAILS. THE MAGIC THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE IS FADING... YOU HAVE TO LEAVE WHILE YOU STILL CAN!
THAT TAILS IS A GOOD LITTLE FIGHTER... OF COURSE I'D NEVER TELL HIM THAT!
THE END

TAILS TEAMS WITH MORAIN AGAIN IN 1999 MEANWHILE, HE MEETS CAPTAIN CHRISTMAS NEXT ISSUE!

PLANET SONIC

SEGA STC

Presented with Sonic the Comic

NEXT ISSUE...

CHRISTMAS CHEER!

NEW COMPLETE STORIES

SONIC
CHILD'S PLAY!

AMY
DREAM ON!

TAILS
CAPTAIN CHRISTMAS!

plus

HEDGEHOG WONDERLAND PIN-UP!

READER'S FESTIVE ARTWORK & MORE!

STC 145 - on sale Wednesday, 16 December 1998

COVER ARTISTS: Nick McMahon & John H Rees. **EDITOR:** Deborah Tate. **DESIGNER:** Sony Knight. **MANAGING EDITOR:** Steve MacManus. **PRODUCTION:** Sarah Coley. **MARKETING MANAGER:** Douglas Potock. **PROMOTIONS:** Debbie Plummer/Jane Sullard. **PUBLISHER:** Rob McMenemy. **MANAGING DIRECTOR:** Julie Goldsmith. Published every other Wednesday by Egmont Fleetway Ltd., 25-31 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SU. Origination by Pre Press Services Ltd., Leeds. Printed on recycled paper by BPC Colchester Ltd., a member of the British Printing Co. Ltd. Sonic The Comic must not be sold for more than the price shown on the cover. Copyright © Egmont Fleetway Ltd., 1998.
Copyright © Sega Enterprises Ltd. Licensed by Copyright Promotions Ltd. Reproduction without permission strictly prohibited. **Distribution/Trade:** Seymour, 86 Newman St., London, W1P 3LD. Customer Services tel: 0171 396 8000.
Subscriptions: Egmont Fleetway, PO Box 406, Woking, Surrey, GU21 1LR. Tel: 01795 414 311. **Back issues (from sex only):** Dept BIA, 25-31 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SU. Tel: (Mon to Thurs, 10am to 12pm, and 2pm to 4pm) 0171 344 6444.